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In re application of: Shunji Nishimura, et al.  
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Filed: December 13, 2000 Examiner: Unknown  
For: A RECORDING AND REPRODUCING DEVICE

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